



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shuji YAMAOKA**

Group Art Unit: **2858**

Serial No.: **10/030,104**

Examiner: **BENSON, WALTER**

Filed: **May 23, 2001**

Confirmation No.: **2108**

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INSPECTING ELECTRICAL CONTINUITY OF CIRCUIT BOARD, JIG FOR USE THEREIN AND RECORDING MEDIUM THEREON**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

DATED August 28, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **August 28, 2003**, the applicant provisionally elects to prosecute species embodying Species (a) directed to Fig. 3. Claims 1, 5/1, 8, 10/1, 10/8, 11/1, 11/8, 12/1, 13, 14, 15/1, 16, 17, 18, 21/18, 22/18, 23/18, 24/18, 25/18, 26/18, 27/1, 27/8, 28/18 and 29 read on this species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge
our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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